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Tom Brady not slowing with age
Now 40, Patriots QB discusses his personal fountain of youth. **In Sports**

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Airport game-changer: 3-D scanners

Bags can be ‘unpacked’ digitally, speeding lines

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Technology used in the medical field for years may soon revolutionize screening of carry-ons at airports by bolstering security while dramatically cutting bottlenecks at checkpoints. Computed-tomography (CT) machines currently being tested at airports in Phoenix and Boston allow Transportation Security Administration screeners to rotate a three-dimensional image

of a suspicious object without opening up a bag. That means travelers can whisk through faster without removing items such as laptops. CT machines produce crisper images than standard X-rays and can automatically detect explosives by their density, which eases concerns about screeners missing suspicious items. “We feel that CT technology will enable us to become much more effective at the checkpoints, and when fully implemented, much more efficient at the checkpoints as well,” TSA Administrator David Pekoske told USA TODAY in an



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Congress united on Franken allegations

Lawmakers move unusually fast on harassment charges against senator

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Departures leave NASCAR in transition

Retirements of Earnhardt and others represent a major change in landscape



Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform. LARRY MCCORMACK/USA TODAY NETWORK

IN LIFE

Tim McGraw, Faith Hill still side by side

Country’s superstar couple have their first-ever duets album out today

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Sky spectacle



This weekend offers a heavenly show as the peak of the annual Leonid meteor shower arrives late Friday night and early Saturday. Skywatchers across the USA will be treated to 10 to 20 “shooting stars,” or comet dust that strikes Earth’s atmosphere and ignites, every hour. The best time to turn your eyes skyward is midnight to dawn.

VILLANUEVA DE LA PENA, SPAIN, BY PEDRO PUENTE HOYOS/EPA-EFE

House tax cuts face big change in Senate

Rates reduced, but some popular deductions end

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The tax bill passed by the House on Thursday dramatically cuts the top corporate rate and lowers rates for individuals but takes away popular deductions that millions of people rely on, such as for state and local income taxes, medical expenses and student loan interest. But don’t call your accountant yet. Many of those provisions may not survive because the Senate is pondering a significantly different measure and the final tax bill remains up in the air. The Senate bill, which faces a vote after Thanksgiving, scraps the individual tax cuts after 2025 to keep the budget deficit from ballooning. It also takes a new swing at Obamacare by repealing its mandate for insurance coverage. House leaders said their bill would provide a tax cut for every income group. Under the Senate proposal, by contrast, lower- and middle-income families would pay higher taxes after the rate cuts expire and would have less access to affordable health insurance, according to an analysis by the Joint Committee on Taxation. White House press secretary Sarah Sanders hailed the vote as a “big step forward fulfilling our promise to deliver historic tax cuts for the American people by the end of the year.” “A simple, fair, and competitive tax code will be rocket fuel for our economy, and it’s within our reach,” Sanders

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Thanksgiving in Europe: Pass the turkey?

Helena Bachmann
Special to USA TODAY

GENEVA – For many Americans living in Europe, pulling together a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings requires more than patiently watching the timer on the oven. First, there’s the bird. In much of Europe, whole turkeys are available only for Christmas. In an international city like Geneva, frozen turkeys can be found in some supermarkets but are generally smaller and more expensive than their U.S. counterparts. A 7-pound bird costs the



Smaller ovens mean smaller turkeys — if you can find them. JEFF STEINER

equivalent of \$30. In the U.S., a turkey twice the size costs about \$20. Meanwhile, Jeanne Matthey is on a hunt for an organic pumpkin puree in

Budapest, so she can bake a pie. Last year, the Chicago native scooped, boiled and blended two pumpkins. It “was a laborious process that I don’t want to go through again,” she said. Acquiring a turkey is just part of the challenge. European ovens are too small to accommodate anything bigger than a standard chicken. That was a lesson Jo Bartley, who originally is from Baltimore, learned the hard way. “I didn’t realize the ovens in the Netherlands are no bigger than my daughter’s toy one. I had to cut my turkey into several pieces,” she said. “I could cry. This wasn’t the Thanksgiving I wanted.”

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1 in 4
consumers have been asked to do something unethical by their employer and 36% of those, mostly Millennials, complied.

SOURCE Aflac survey of 1,001 U.S. consumers
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